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<p><u>This report is the result of a joint collection effort by the Air Force, the Navy, the Army, and CIA and is disseminated in accordance with the provisions of NSCID #17.</u></p>			
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<p>1. [redacted] from 1954-56 [redacted] Construction Battalion [redacted] the Battalion was stationed at Zakany (4618N-1951E) and Muraszemenye (4628N-1637E) along the Yugoslav border. The battalion, with an actual strength of six hundred enlisted men and officers, was charged with the construction of fortifications along the border. The battalion consisted of three construction companies, one headquarters and headquarters company, and one service company [See File Item I described at end of report]. All technicians, who were professional engineers and technicians in civilian life, were assigned to headquarters and headquarters company. This company was also in charge of all equipment, including 50 horses and fuel.</p>			
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<p>2. The service company consisted of cooks, medics, clerks and 50 guards. No arms were carried by the enlisted men; only officers carried pistols and the guard had light machine guns. This was typical of this sort of construction battalion, where none of the enlisted men had any basic infantry training. [redacted] nine battalions of this type, with the same strength and equipment, were stationed at about 35 km intervals along the Yugoslav border. They started construction of fortifications in 1950 and slowly decreased the number of battalions from 1953-55. In June 1955 [redacted]</p>			
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<p>3. [redacted] constructed two sections, one in the Zakany area and one in the Muraszemenye area [See File Item II described at end of report]. There was one central engineer dump in Murakeresztur where construction material was shipped in by rail. From there the material was transported by trucks to the construction areas. During the time of construction, all officers and enlisted men lived in private houses close to the construction sites.</p>			
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<p>4. [redacted] battalion used the following equipment:</p>			
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<u>Amount</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1	jeep (US)	For the commander.
1	ambulance (Hungarian)	Made by the Csepel Enterprise.
1	2-ton weapons carrier	--
2	7-ton Zis crane trucks (Soviet)	In good condition
1	Diamond crane truck (US)	Capacity unknown, in poor condition.
2	Federal trailer trucks (US)	180 hp, in poor condition
8	Dumpers (Hungarian) [See File Item III]	Capacity: 3cbm, copied by Csepel from the British
4	Stalinez bulldozer (Soviet)	120 hp, 4 cyl. diesel engine, in good condition.
4	DT-430 tractors (Hungarian)	90 hp, made by Csepel Enterprise, in good condition.
6	Concrete mixers (Hungarian & German)	5 Hungarian, 1/2 cbm capacity. 1 German, 1 1/2 cbm capacity.
2	Watertank trucks (Hungarian)	3000-4000 liter capacity, made by Csepel Enterprise.
2	Conveyors	--
4	Electric generators (2 German, 2 Hungarian)	110 and 220 volts, in good condition
2	Crane shovels, crawler mounted (Soviet)	Same as Stalinez, 2 cbm shovel, and dragline attachment.
2	Trench diggers (Soviet)	Trench depth 1 1/2 m, width 1 m.
1	Shop truck (Hungarian)	Made by the Mavog Enterprise in Budapest. Equipped with lathe, grinder and drill press.

5. Every evening each company within the battalion had to request the trucks from the headquarters and headquarters company for the next day.
6. Reinforced concrete bunkers for large guns were constructed 1 km apart all along the border between each large bunker, two or three smaller concrete bunkers for machine guns were placed [See File Item IV described at end of report]. Forward of these bunkers, at a distance of about 100 m, a trench 1 m wide and 1 1/2 m deep was constructed for infantry purposes. This was followed by a heavy barbed wire fence about 1 m high (1 row) at a distance of 50 m forward of the trench and, finally, there was at 50 m forward of the fence a barbed wire entanglement 30 cm high (10 rows) with mines buried under the barbed wire [See File Item V described at end of report.]

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7. The whole defense system is about 1-2 km from the Yugoslav border. In the large bunkers tracks were laid to move the guns into firing position. All bunkers were covered with sod or other natural growths for camouflage purposes. We worked eight hours 3-shifts a day. Officers, who used to construction engineers in civilian life, supervised the jobs.

8. The battalion commander was Joseph Simon, Captain [redacted] the headquarters and headquarters company commander was Janos Ancsin, 1st Lt [redacted] the two political officers were Lajos Posa, 1st Lt [redacted] and Janos Lorant, 1st Lt [redacted]

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[redacted] classified CONFIDENTIAL, are these attachments:

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1. Organization chart of the [redacted] Engineer Construction Battalion.
2. Overlay sketch showing general locations where the battalion installed border protection.
3. Sketch showing:
 - (a) 4 c/m dumper of the type used by the battalion.
 - (b) Engineer insignia.
4. Construction sketches of a large gun bunker and a machine gun bunker.
5. Fortification pattern along the Yugoslav border, 1950-55.]

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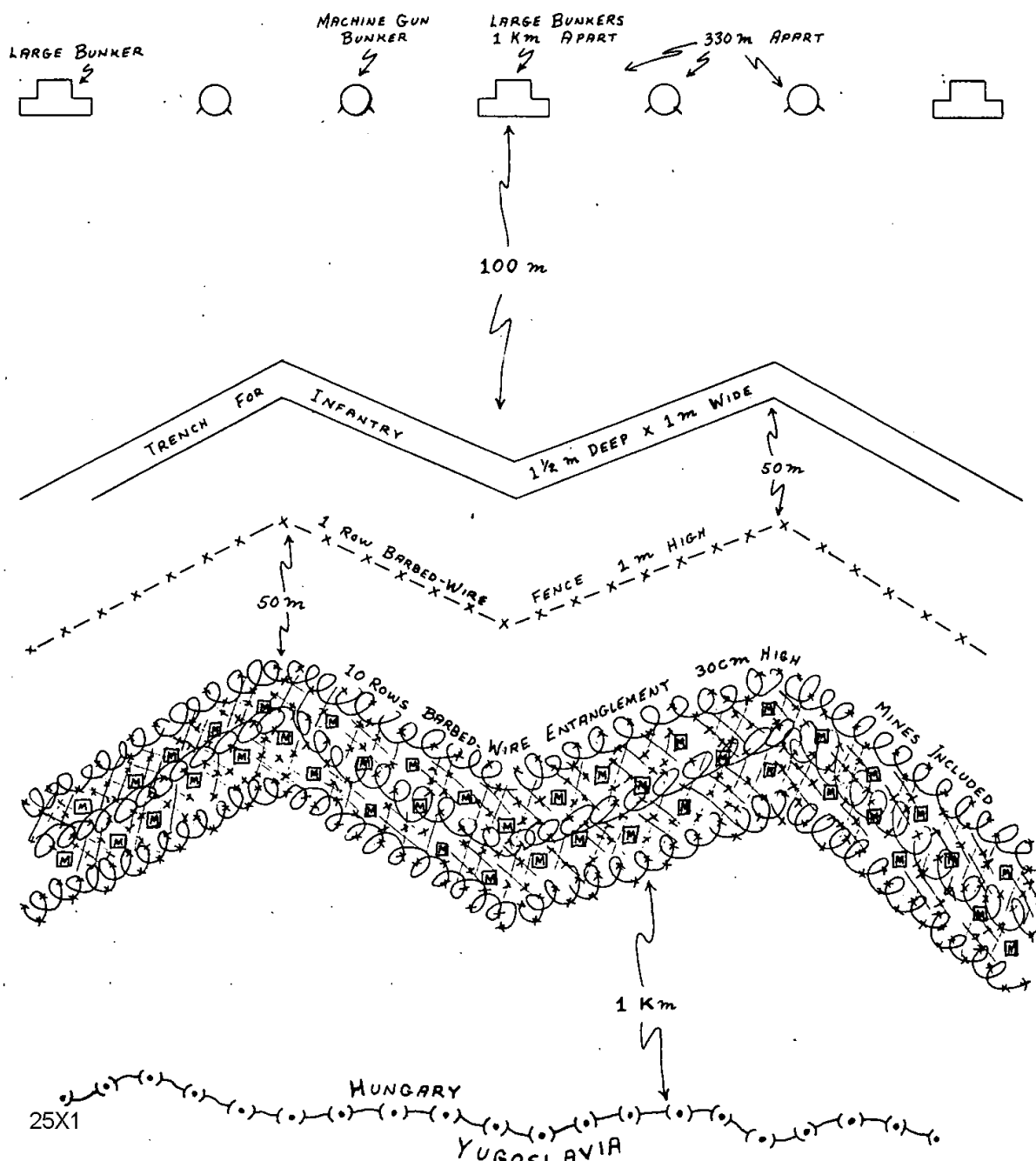
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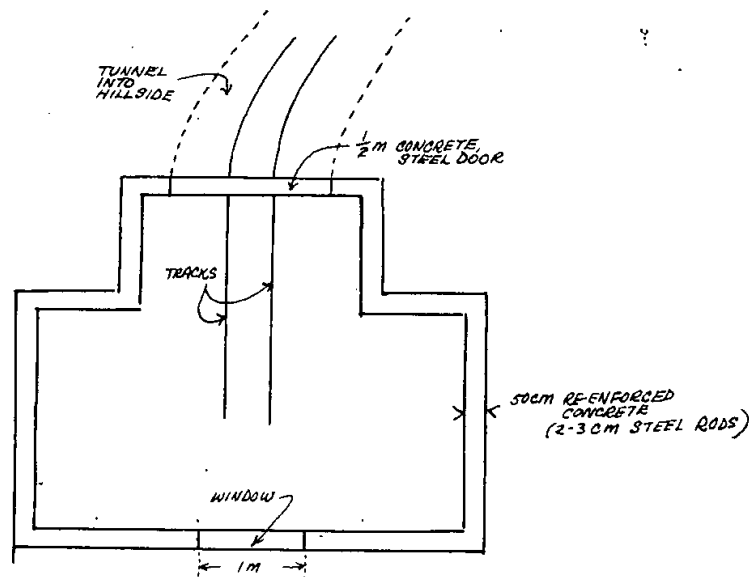
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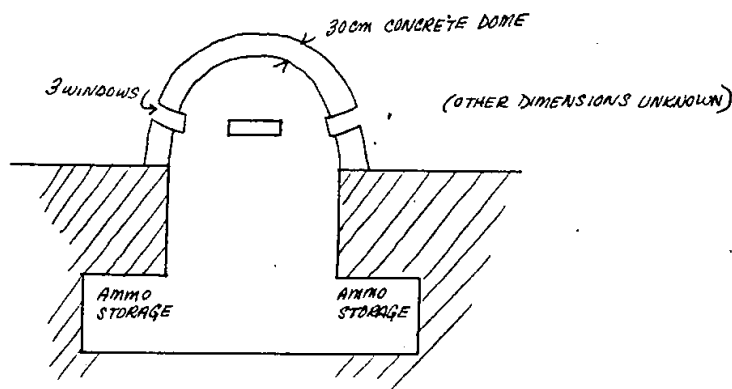


BUNKER CONSTRUCTION ALONG THE
YUGOSLAV BORDER 1950-1955.

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LARGE GUN BUNKER



MACHINE GUN BUNKER

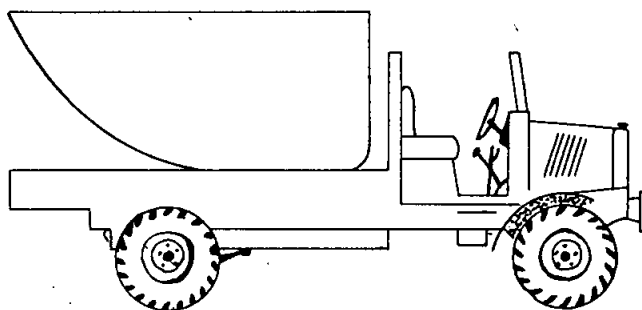
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THE BUCKET (CAPACITY - 4 CUBIC METERS) IS
RELEASED BY A LEVER AND RETRACTED
BY A SPRING.



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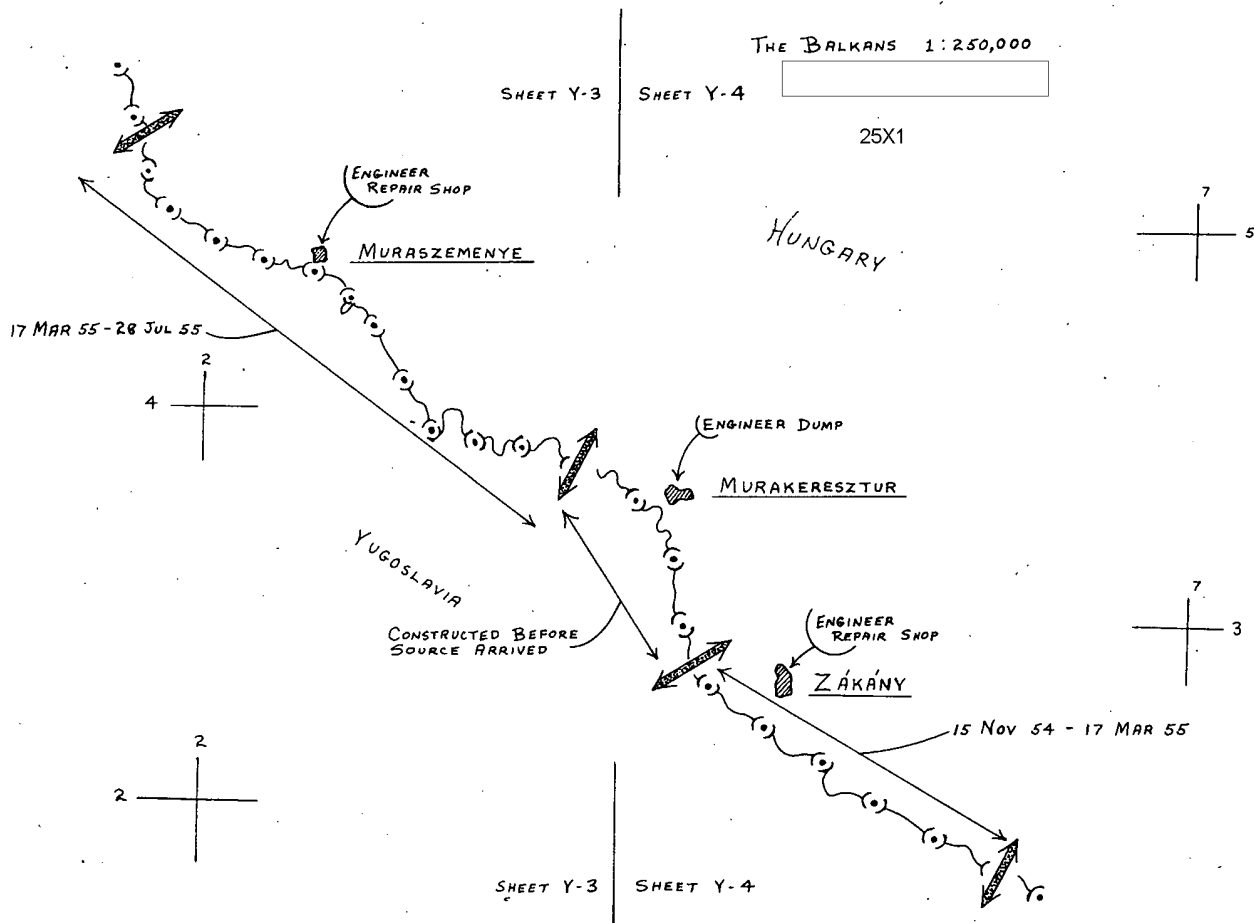
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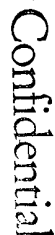


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